


March 30, 1982

Inspection Memo to File:

RE: State Lease ML 26607
Midas Gilsonite, Inc.
DOE/047/005
Uintah County, Utah

On March 9, 1982, Tom Tetting, Joe Helfrich and Sandy Pruitt inspected the Gilsonite lease site located in Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 21 East. The site is immediately adjacent to a weather station for Tosco's Sand Wash Mine and is accessible along the road from Ouray which crosses the Mountain Fuel bridge. Midas Gilsonite, Inc., obtained the gilsonite lease in August 1981. At the time of lease transfer, the Gene Cale's development consisted of a horizontal entry to the gilsonite vein, a vacuum to remove crushed gilsonite from the mine and two silos. An old trailer and scrap material were also present on-site. Recent development work has exposed the gilsonite vein with a dozer tract approximately 10 feet wide and 1/2 mile long. The tract extends across the access road, down a steep rock slope and obstructs an ephemeral drainage channel at the southeasternmost extension of the disturbance. The new development work closely exceeds a two acre disturbance, so a mining and reclamation plan should be submitted. As Midas does not plan to develop this disturbance, a better option would be reclamation of the site.

Mr. Ron Thomas of Midas Gilsonite, Inc., was contacted by a letter (dated March 19, 1982) recommending reclamation of the site. Spoil material and debris in the drainage channel is to be removed. Spoil piles should be backfilled into the excavation, graded and seeded to minimize erosion. A response to this letter had not yet been received at the time of this writing.

SANDY PRUITT 
RECLAMATION OFFICER

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